

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1710
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SAHITYA AKADEMI AWARD
VIJAY KUMAR KHANDELWAL

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of literary works of the Indian languages which are conferred upon awards by the Sahitya Akademi every year;
- (b) whether this award is given on the basis of one State, one language; and
- (c) if so, the reasons for giving only one award in Hindi?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

- (a) The Sahitya Akademi gives 22 awards annually to the outstanding books published in the 22 languages recognized by it.
- (b) No , Sir.
- (c) The policy of the Sahitya Akademi is to give one award in each of the 22 languages recognized by it.